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SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

St. Mary's.

1 a.m.—His Lordship the Bishop of Sask.

7 p.m.—Mr. Mamie.

The Mission Chapel.

11 a.m.—Rev. A. H. Wright.

2 p.m.—Sunday School.

7 p.m.—His Lordship the Bishop.

St. Catharines.

10 a.m.—Rev. Canon Platt, B.D.

St. Paul's.

9 p.m.—Rev. Canon Platt, B.D.

St. Andrew's.

10 a.m.—Rev. E. Matheson.

St. John's.

3 p.m.—Rev. E. Matheson.

St. James's.

8 a.m.—Rev. Archibald McKay, B.D.

10 a.m.—Rev. Archibald McKay, B.D.

10:30 a.m.—Rev. Peter Andre.

St. Paul's Presbyterian.

1 a.m.—Rev. Mr. McWilliam.

FRIDAY, FEB. 19, 1886.

It is understood that building operations will be commenced very soon, starting at the head of Lake Winnipeg.

European advices indicate a prospect for a considerable emigration to the Canadian North West this season. It is devoutly to be hoped these expectations will be realized, and, looking to that end, it is satisfactory to know that the "Indian scare" has been downed at this early date.

We understand that Mr. Alexander Hegg, of the Canadian Pacific Railway, has been in communication for some little time past with Professor Macadam, of Edinburgh, with the object of obtaining from the latter an analysis of the prairie grasses of the North West. As complete a set as possible of these grasses has been secured and forwarded to Professor Macadam, who will shortly report upon them especially with regard to their nutritious qualities for cattle. The result of his investigations will be awaited with interest, and will doubtless be useful in further establishing the suitability of a large area of the North West for cattle and sheep raising.

An Ottawa telegram of the 18th ult., says: "It is said that Sir John A. Macdonald upon his return to Canada will grant full and unconditional pardon to all prisoners now undergoing sentence in the North West for connection with the recent rebellion in that country." The Saskatchewan Herald says Sir John had better make haste slowly in that matter. "The Indians here believe that Croftson sent a message to the Government last year, to the effect that Poundmaker's hair should not be cut or any of the rebels punish-

ed, or he would avenge their cause. The forbearance in Poundmaker's case is attributed to fear on the part of the Government, and if the prisoners now in confinement are released, it will confirm them in their belief in Croftson's influence and make them saucier than ever. This is a dangerous feeling to encourage, and one that suggests the desirability of having things settled this spring before setting free the leaders in last year's carnival of fire and blood. Of leniency the Indians have no idea. If at any time the full measure of the law is not visited upon the offenders, it is attributed to the authorities being afraid to do otherwise.

For the past few days the air has been thick with rumors to the effect that the contract for the construction of the Hudson Bay Railway had been signed. Great difficulty was experienced in procuring definite information, as those who were in a position to speak were not disposed to do so. It was, however, learned this morning, from official sources, that a successful climax had been reached, and that satisfactory and definite intelligence had been received from England by virtue of which the construction of the road is understood to be assured. It came about thus. When the surveyors were sent over the proposed route last fall their expenses were borne by Messrs. Grant and McLennan, the well-known railway contractors, on condition that they would have the first opportunity of tendering for the work. The engineers returned, and their report being highly satisfactory, this contracting firm was given the opportunity of tendering on the work. They made a definite offer to build the road for a sum much less than it was originally supposed the line could be built for. This offer President Sutherland cabled to the capitalists in England who have the scheme in hand. Last night a cable reply was received from England instructing Mr. Sutherland to have the contract signed at once. It is now in course of rapid preparation, and in a very short time the signatures of the contracting parties will be attached.

RESOLUTIONS.

Passed by the Council of the North West Territories on the 15th Dec. 1885.

21. That claims for compensation from the Government for loss sustained during the late rebellion, should in the opinion of this Council, be promptly settled by the Government, it being within our knowledge that great inconvenience and hardship is now being undergone by some who have lost heavily in consequence of the outbreak. This Council would recommend in this connection, that most searching and rigorous enquiry be had as to the nature of claims, so that any who were a party to their own loss may not receive the same consideration as those who were loyal to the Government. Also that goods and supplies furnished to troops in good faith by settlers and merchants should be paid for.

22. That waste stony is kept by a homesteader, some rule should be adopted and made a part of the land regulations, so that the stock of a homesteader over a fixed number, might be allowed to count as cultivation duties, in whole or in part, and that encouragement should be given to tree planting in prairie sections of the country, and to count also as cultivation duties.

23. That this Council respectfully intimates that, in their opinion, it would be most satisfactory to the people of these Territories, were the Government in future to fill appointments to positions of trust and emolument from amongst the residents of these Territories.

24. That owing to the unexpectedly rapid development of the agricultural resources of the Territories, and to the erection of grating mills at several

points, as well as the extent of the cattle interests of the North West, this Council recommends both in the interests of the Government and the settler, that in the future all food supplies both for the North West Mounted Police and for the Indians be purchased in the Territories. We are aware that the issue of beef to Indians instead of American pork, would be more satisfactory to all the tribes. We would suggest that contracts be called for in smaller quantities, the security deposit not to exceed five per cent, and without official routine, which has attended the letting of contracts heretofore. In this manner, we believe the settler will be helped, and the Government will receive a cheaper and a better article.

25. That the position of several townships in the Territories, in which the Crown is interested, proves from year to year more unsatisfactory owing to the impossibility of collecting taxes from land lots therein, which are increased in value owing to the expenditure of taxes paid by the residents of such towns, the Crown thereby being benefited without sharing any of the burdens of taxation. And as great difficulties are met with in establishing and sustaining schools and municipal organizations in such townships, in the opinion of this Council it is advisable that the Government should at once dispose of their interests in such townships so that the same may be made available for taxation.

26. Whereas representations have been made to this Council by the elected members of Prince Albert, St. Albert and Edmonton, and other communities, companies in and over electoral districts, viz., the North West Mounted Police, the Hudson Bay Company, and the Colonization Company, and the Edmonton and Saskatchewan land and Colonization Company, have been made with their agreements, the object of which is that large blocks of land be locked up from settlement, and the progress of these districts materially retarded; therefore this Council requests that immediate steps be taken to have these companies inspected, and if it is found that such representations are correct to insist upon such companies carrying out their agreements entered into with the Government, or the cancellation of their grants.

27. That this Council has learned with satisfaction that it is the intention of the Government to distribute medals to the volunteers who were engaged in suppressing the late rebellion. We would beg to recommend that a like recognition of the valuable services rendered by the North West Mounted and the Prince Albert and Battleford special forces should be made. We believe that on every occasion, where the forces had an opportunity, they showed themselves of that material of which Canada is justly proud, also that services rendered by many loyal halfbreeds during the outbreak should be recognized by the Government.

Moved by Mr. O. E. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Perley.

Whereas a large number of halfbreeds who took part in the late rebellion, are now confined in the Manitoba Penitentiary for terms of imprisonment varying from two to seven years: Whereas this Council is of opinion that those state prisoners were drawn into this rebellion more by their ignorance of the evil consequences of the same, than by their malice or hatred for the Government: Whereas the Government of the Dominion has demonstrated its ability to secure respect for constituted authority, and its military strength, by the exhibition of which it is upon the occasion, able to assert its supremacy: Whereas the principal leader of the rebellion has suffered the penalty of his offence, and where this Council is aware that if clemency is extended to the said prisoners, it would have the effect of restoring good will and confidence towards the Dominion Government among a large proportion of the population of these Territories: It is therefore resolved, that in the opinion of this Council, it would be highly advisable for the reasons set forth, that a policy of clemency be extended to all halfbreed and Indian prisoners now undergoing terms of imprisonment for the part respectively taken by them during the late rebellion, and that a general pardon be granted to all and every such prisoners sentenced for political offences only.

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On 12th July, 1882,—

31 Vic. Cap. 60, intituled, "The Fisheries Act."

36 Vic. cap. 65, intituled, "An Act for the better Protection of Navigable Streams and Rivers."

On 25th April, 1883,—

32-33 Vic. cap. 28, intituled, "An Act respecting Vagrants."

37 Vic. cap. 27, intituled, "An Act for the Suppression of Voluntary and Extra Judicial Oaths."

37 Vic. cap. 42, intituled, "An Act to amend 'An Act respecting Vagrants.'"

44 Vic. cap. 31, intituled, "An Act to remove doubts as to the power to imprison with hard labor, under the Act respecting Vagrants."

On 9th July, 1885,—

The 13th, 16th and 45th Sections of 32-33 Vic. cap. 29, intituled, "An Act respecting Proceedings in Criminal Cases, and other matters relating to the Criminal Law."

On 17th July, 1885,—

45 Vic. cap. 26, intituled, "An Act to prescribe a Declaration to be taken by Employees on Telegraph Lines under the control of the Government, and to provide for the Punishment of Telegraph Operators and Employees who divulge the contents of certain telegrams."

By Command of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of the North West Territories,

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TOWN COUNCIL.

Mayor McKay took his seat for the first time and received a welcome.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF THE MEMBERS OF THE FIRST COUNCIL.

The Council met on Monday evening in the Council Chamber, for the transaction of business.

Mayor McKay handed in his declaration of office and took his seat.

Before proceeding with business, Councilor Betts, in a few well chosen words, welcomed Mayor McKay to his seat at the Council Board, to which the Mayor made a very appropriate reply.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read, upon motion, were adopted.

The Clerk read accounts from Mr. W. Fawcett, furniture, \$17.50; Mr. David Williamson, constable, \$2.50.

A petition from a number of ratepayers, asking that a public meeting be called to make arrangements for receiving telegraphic despatches.

On motion of Couns. Goodfellow and Betts, the accounts of W. Fawcett and D. Williamson were handed to the Finance Committee for their approval.

Coun. Goodfellow introduced a by-law to amend by law No. 1.

Moved by Coun. Betts, seconded by Coun. Bratnaber, that the petition asking for a public meeting be granted, and that the Mayor call the same for Saturday night next in the Public School House.

The Council then went into Committee of the whole to consider by law to prevent the encumbering of streets and certain other places, Coun. Brown in the chair.

The by-law was read and discussed clause by clause.

Clause 3 was amended by striking out the words "and shall keep the said materials enclosed." The other clauses were passed without amendment.

The Council resumed and reported as above, and on motion of Couns. Betts and Bratnaber, the by-law was read a third time and passed.

The Council again went into Committee of the Whole, to consider amendments to by-law No. 2, with Coun. Brown in the chair.

On motion of Couns. Betts and Goodfellow, the by-law was adopted.

The Council resumed and reported as above, and on motion of Couns. Brown and Bratnaber, the by-law was read a third time and passed.

Moved by Coun. Goodfellow, seconded by Coun. Brown, that the by-law to provide money for current expenses be not read a second time but thrown out. Carried.

On motion of Couns. Betts and Goodfellow, the order for Mayor and Treasurer to raise a current expenses loan be cancelled. Carried.

Moved by Coun. Betts, seconded by Coun. Bratnaber, that a Red Seal be issued by the Mayor and Treasurer be the Seal of the Municipality of the Town of Prince Albert. Carried.

The by-law to amend by-law No. 1 was read a first and second time.

The Council then adjourned to meet on the following Monday evening.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mayor McKay, and Couns. Brown, Bratnaber and Goodfellow.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and on motion adopted, when the Clerk read a communication from H. W. Newlands, Sec. Treasurer School District No. 4, re School plan.

The Finance and Assessment Committee reported that the necessary amount of security by the Treasurer, has been agreed upon, and that he was authorized to deposit all moneys received by him in the bank of MacArthur & Knowles, and that the accounts of Mr. Fawcett for \$17.50, and Mr. Williamson for \$2.50, be paid.

On motion of Couns. Brown and Bratnaber, the report was adopted.

Coun. Brown gave notice that at the next meeting of the Council he would introduce a by-law for licensing drays and livery stables.

The Council then went into Committee of the Whole, to consider by-law, to amend by-law No. 1, with Coun. Bratnaber in the chair.

The by-law was read and adopted, when the Committee rose, and Coun. Bratnaber reported, and on motion of Couns. Brown and Goodfellow, the by-law was read a third time and passed.

Moved by Coun. Goodfellow, seconded by Coun. Bratnaber, that Mr. A. W. H. Mackley be appointed Assessor for this

Municipality at a salary of \$150. Carried.

Moved by Coun. Bratnaber, seconded by Coun. Goodfellow, that the communication from H. W. Newlands re School plan, be referred to the Finance and Assessment Committee. Carried.

The Council then adjourned to meet on Monday evening next.

Mayor McKay was born June 4th, 1849, at Fort Pelly, N.W.T. He is of Scottish descent, and is the son of Mr. Wm. McKay, a Hudson Bay official. He was educated at St. John's parish school, Manitoba, and was for nine years in the Hudson Bay service. In June 1873, he left the Hudson Bay service, and in the following July, came to this district, where he has remained ever since. On the 6th February, 1873, he was married to Miss McBeath, a daughter of Mr. Adam McBeath, of the Hudson Bay Company, Fort Pelly, and one of the original Selkirk settlers. Since Mr. McKay left the Hudson Bay service, he has been principally engaged in farming. He was the first Freemason initiated in the North West Territories. In 1879, he was appointed a captain of an infantry company, and during the rebellion he was one of the most active of our citizens in trying to suppress it, and was one of the Commissioners appointed by the Dominion Government to settle the North West Rebellion Claims.

Coun. G. T. Brown was born in North Oxford, Ontario, in 1844. He came to the North West in June 1880, and for a time followed his trade of bricklayer and mason, and built the first brick church erected in the North West Territories. He is of Scotch descent, and is a most enthusiastic curler. He was a member of No. 2 Company, under the command of Capt. Hoy, and did good service during the late rebellion. Mr. Brown has filled the position of Mayor during the Mayor's absence in Ottawa. He is the only member of our Civic Board who still retains his rank among the bachelors of Prince Albert.

Coun. John F. Betts is a member of the firm of Betts & Gwynne, general dealers, and was born in Frankford, Co. Hastings, Ont., in the year 1835. He is of English descent, and is the son of the Rev. L. A. Betts, a retired Methodist minister. Mr. Betts received his education at Albert College, Belleville, and was married to Miss Boyle, a daughter of Mr. R. Boyle, County Clerk and Treasurer of the County of Prince Edward. In 1879, Mr. Betts in company with his partner, Mr. Gwynne, came to the North West with three car loads of goods and located here. Through energy and enterprise, Mr. Betts has built up a large and lucrative trade. He is an active member of our Council, and during the late rebellion took a very active part in its suppression, although by eastern exchanges, he has been dubbed a "White Rebel."

Coun. A. Goodfellow is the son of a farmer. He was born in 1849, in the County of Peterborough, Ont., and in the spring of 1880, came to the North West Territories. In 1874 he was married to Miss Stone, the daughter of a lumber merchant, Burley. Mr. Goodfellow is a master mechanic, has a large planing mill and saw and door factory, and is a good business man, being full of energy and enterprise. He is of Scotch descent, and one of our most enthusiastic curlers. During the rebellion he was a member of No. 2 Company under Capt. Hoy. Mr. Goodfellow will make an active and useful member of our Council.

Coun. Bratnaber is a native of Prussia, and was born in 1846. He emigrated to the United States in 1854, and in 1881 came to the North West Territories, and in 1882 settled in Prince Albert. He was married in 1868 to Miss Waggoner. Mr. Bratnaber is a saddler and harness maker, and carries on a large and profitable business. During the late rebellion he did good service as a member of a volunteer company.

Messrs. F. C. Baker and J. Stewart will leave for the east Monday next, on business connected with their firms. Yesterday morning fire was discovered in the upper storey of Mr. E. Deacon's house by some of the N. W. M. Police, who immediately rushed over and gave the alarm. With their assistance Mr. Deacon quickly subdued the flames. A quantity of wearing apparel was destroyed. The fire, we learn, originated from the children playing with matches.

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